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1. [redacted] the Soviet Border Troops [redacted] in 1939 on the boundary between Poland and the USSR [redacted] were distinguished from the regular Soviet army personnel by a small green patch appearing on the right collar of their uniform. [redacted] in 1946 [redacted] officers of the organization came to the college for concerts at which time [redacted] they no longer wore the identifying green patch on their uniform. The Border Troops are an exclusive, carefully selected, and highly regarded organization which is quite popular among the Soviet youth, who endeavor to be chosen for this service. The Troopers are usually native to the area and highly trusted individuals who are held strictly accountable for the border area which they patrol. Each trooper is required to maintain a diary containing detailed information of all events and individuals encountered while on patrol, and this record may be checked by his superiors at any time to verify activity on his sector of the frontier. The Border Troops are stationed at close intervals along all frontiers, the area of their patrol being limited to a few hundred feet in many instances. In the contingent of Border Troops on the Soviet-Polish frontier in 1939, [redacted] noted a large number of NKVD soldiers, but [redacted] not [redacted] intermingling of the two services while in Frunze.

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2. The headquarters for the Border Troops in Frunze was located in the northern portion of the city surrounded by living quarters for the officers and enlisted men. [redacted] there were a great many during the war years and an even larger supply appeared for the May Day parade in 1946. The headquarters in Frunze were reportedly responsible for Border Troop operations for the entire Central Asia district as was also true of the Secret Police or NKVD organizations in the city. Some of the Border Troops stationed in Frunze were dispatched to the Far East front and the Western European front during World War II, and in 1946 the troopers from the latter battle areas were beginning to return in numbers.

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The Frunze headquarters of the NKVD was located in a large red brick building near the market place in the center of the city. The headquarters was a most conspicuous structure, and the living quarters for the NKVD personnel consist of several blocks of new houses situated quite near the railroad station.

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4. There is a permanent garrison of Interior Troops located in Frunze

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these special soldiers are charged with guarding the public buildings, industrial plants, and military facilities such as the army officers' training academy, the air cadets school, and the partisan training facility.

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The Patriots maintained close surveillance of activities through a block master, in addition to spot checkers who double-checked as well as the block master. The block master is a member of and reported to a superior in the oblast militia while the spot checker is an employee of the NKVD.

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The Soviet population of Frunze consisted of peasants and exiles from other areas of the Soviet Union. 80 per cent of the city's population were exiles and 90 per cent of these exiles were former inmates of Soviet concentration camps. These displaced people are intellectuals from the entire Soviet Union who were the victims of the collectivization period or the purges of 1937, and accordingly they are closely scrutinized by the Soviet authorities. The Soviet population of Frunze is controlled by the block master, the spot checker system and in addition each citizen must report in person to the NKVD three times each month in war time and once a month in peace time. Because of the character of the Frunze inhabitants, the security organizations of the Soviet Union are particularly strong in this community.

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